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# OCCUPY TAKES CITY ON JULY 4

- Former Occupy member organizing national summit, march on Independence Day
- City already bracing for 'Welcome America' impact

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▶ Occupy Philly members haven't been heard from much since last year, and some members said yesterday they won't take part in the summit scheduled for July 4.

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# Occupy breakaway group to hold summit in Philly

**Organizers already booked at PA Convention Center July 4 City officials preparing for 800 to 1,000 marchers on busy 'Welcome America' weekend**

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▶ Occupy Philly members last year.

▶ Local Occupy members said yesterday they may hold their own July 4 rally.

Philadelphia officials are preparing once again for occupiers gathering in Center City, during what is always a hectic time of year to begin with: the July Fourth weekend.

Squaring off with thousands of tourists who will be in town for the annual "Welcome America" festivities, a breakaway faction organized by former Occupy Wall Street member Michael Pollok is currently recruiting delegates from across the country to hold a massive summit at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

City managing director Rich Negrin confirmed that more than 1,000 people could gather. The group even has booked conference space already at the center. Negrin met with Pollok in November to discuss details, including a permit for a parade from the convention center to Independence Hall. "It sounds like they're thinking about doing things all the right way — working with a conference center and getting hotel rooms."

**"We're treating it outside of the Occupy piece, as another group looking to be here and create an event that attracts folks."**
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"One man and one woman from each [congressional] district will draft and ratify a petition for redress of grievances that will be presented to the American people in front of Independence Hall," Pollok said yesterday of what he's calling the 99 Percent Declaration.

Occupy members bristled at being associated with the group yesterday.

Congressional candidate and member Nathan Kleinman said Occupy Philadelphia recently mulled hosting their own national summit on July 4.

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## Don't call it Occupy

Occupiers from Philadelphia and beyond leveled claims against Pollok yesterday.

According to an Occupy member, who asked not to be named, the attorney is piggybacking on the movement's publicity to run for office after a failed 2009 congressional bid in New York's 20th District. She claims he has misused funds intended for Occupy Wall Street in the past.

"He is widely loathed in the movement and distrusted. It is believed it is a front for a third party called the Justice Party," Kleinman said. "He's lied about his relationships to the movement and I think he's used the name to gain traction for this concept, for this third party."

## Why Philly?

**Here's why and how former Occupiers are gathering in Philly this summer.**

- **"We're basically following what the founding fathers and mothers did 236 years ago and in the same spot.** Drafting a petition for the redress of grievances is exactly what the Continental Congress did with King George," Pollok said.
- **The 10-point "petition" will include campaign finance reform.** "No. 1 on the petition will be: Remove all money from politics," he said.
- **Anyone over the age of 18 can run for delegate — 366 have currently signed up, according to the website.** Elections will be held the first weekend in June, mostly online.
- **Pollok said his group left Occupy Wall Street because the latter does not believe in representational democracy.** "The philosophy is that direct democracy on the local level is the best approach and we disagree because if you're disabled or too poor to go to a general assembly meeting ... your voice can't be heard."

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### Good day, bad day

**Good day**
Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum, the surprise front-runner of the last two weeks, saw a huge increase in campaign donations from his former home state of Pennsylvania, according to reports on January campaign finance filings.

**Bad day**
SEPTA General Manager Joe Casey pleaded against proposed federal legislation that would end dedicated funding to mass transit from the national gasoline tax on a conference call yesterday with other public transit leaders.

▶ Cawley

## Arrest made in baby desertion

**NORTH PHILADELPHIA.** The woman who allegedly left her newborn baby girl in a cardboard box was arrested yesterday.

Officers from the Special Victims Unit took Patricia Crawley into custody on the 2700 block of Croskey Street around 3:45 p.m. She will be charged with attempted murder and related offenses.

The hours-old child, named Noel by workers at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, was found on a Strawberry Mansion curb Dec. 21.
**METRO/AW**

## Man beaten, dumped out of van

**NORTH PHILADELPHIA.** An abduction victim was discovered in a shopping center parking lot Tuesday night, police said.

The man, 27, was found bound and suffering from head injuries at 8:20 p.m. in a lot at 22nd Street and Lehigh Avenue. He told police he was kidnapped and beaten.

The man is in stable condition. **METRO/AW**

## Boxing relic to become hotel?

**NORTH PHILADELPHIA.** Storied North Broad boxing venue Blue Horizon may soon be reincarnated as The Hotel Blue on Broad, according to website PlanPhilly.

Developers reportedly presented plans for a $28 million, 87-room boutique hotel to the city Planning Commission Tuesday.
**METRO/AW**

# Nutter calls for downtown hotel

**CENTER CITY.** Mayor Michael Nutter called yesterday for a new "anchor" hotel near the Pennsylvania Convention Center, noting that there's still room to expand on last year's greatest yet for rooms booked.

"Less than one year ago, we welcomed the opening of the newly expanded Pennsylvania Convention Center and we've already started to see its impact," said Mayor Nutter. "This center can hold two major conventions at the same time, but we need increased hotel infrastructure that can support the increased demand."

Last year, almost 2.8 million hotel rooms were sold in Philadelphia. This year, 225 meetings and conventions have been booked at the expanded center, with 565,000 rooms already sold. Officials set a goal of 2,000 new rooms built downtown in recent years. About 1,175 rooms will be added by early 2013. METRO/BXM

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**City funding for hotel development in the last four years, which has resulted in three new hotels and almost 1,200 new rooms.**

## Warning of getting 'Schmacked'

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY.** Parents of students at Harriton and Lower Merion high schools were told through a letter from both schools' principals that YouTube videos have surfaced recently showing some teenagers participating in a disturbing ritual called getting "schmacked."

CBS3 first reported a bizarre video Tuesday that shows underage students trying to get so drunk they receive a T-shirt that reads "I'm Schmacked."

"Though all of the activities occur off campus, and the film appears to have been recorded last summer, it is critical that there are swift and appropriate consequences," wrote principals Steven Kline, of Harriton, and Sean Hughes, of Lower Merion. "Where we have the authority and power to act and respond, we will. We are in the process of notifying parents of students that appear in the video and will do so by Thursday afternoon." METRO

# State's chopping block includes Philly disabled

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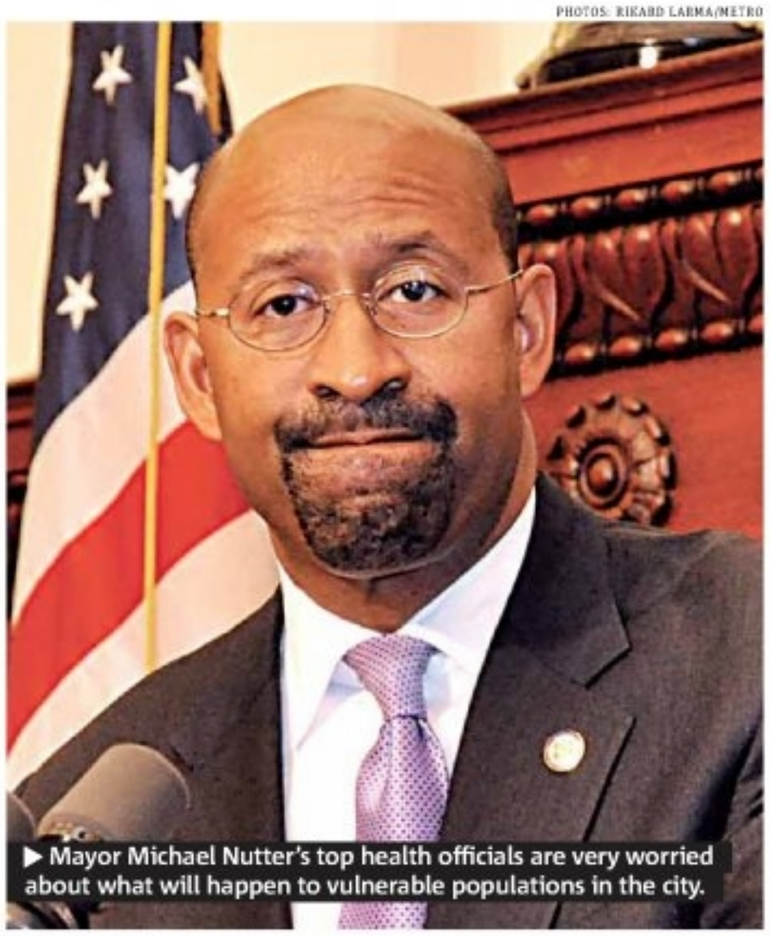

▶ Mayor Michael Nutter's top health officials are very worried about what will happen to vulnerable populations in the city.

## City officials 'very worried' by more than $40M proposed cut from state budget that aids most vulnerable

Philadelphia officials met to discuss the question of the proposed 2013 state budget's impact on the city yesterday, and the answer was devastating.

"Frankly, I don't know how we're going to live with these cuts, especially in light of the cuts to our services in the last four years," said Deputy Mayor for Health and Opportunity Donald Schwartz.

Overall, the city is looking at a $41 million-plus loss in state assistance — about $7 million in cuts to public health services and $34 million in the form of a block grant to the Department of Human Services.

"Imagine taking dollars for community mental health services, programs for addiction, services for those who are intellectually disabled and the homeless, health care support and child welfare, put them all in one pot and cut them all by 20 percent," Schwartz said when describing the block grant.

While about two-thirds of the block grant will affect community mental health services, Schwartz said the effects will spill over to ordinary Philadelphians. He expects a large increase in the city's street, unserviced mentally ill and foster child populations, as well as more stress on the already-overburdened emergency medical and criminal justice systems.

▶ Problems already persist.

"I'm very worried about what Philadelphia and the commonwealth will look like in the future," Schwartz said.

This all comes in addition to the proposed elimination of approximately $60 million the city currently receives through the Department of Public Welfare's General Assistance, according to the Community Legal Services of Philadelphia.

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### By the numbers

**What city officials describe as devastating consequences from the proposed budget:**

- **4,000** Fewer people helped at outpatient mental health services
- **1,500** Less addicts able to receive outpatient treatment and detoxification
- **3,000** Fewer intellectually disabled people living at home who can get support services
- **500-600** Fewer beds in mental health residential programs

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# Identity theft on the rise due to smartphone use

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▶ Don't let your guard down.

Nearly 12 million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2011, an increase of 13 percent over 2010, according to a report released by the research firm Javelin Strategy & Research.

The rise in the use of smartphones and social media by incautious consumers fueled the increase in identity fraud, and 2011 was a year of several big data breaches too, Javelin said.

With the rise in credit card monitoring and more sophisticated policing by credit card companies, identity thieves are increasingly targeting users of smartphones and social media where consumers have a tendency to be less cautious, experts say.

"The message is not that people should let their guard down," Javelin founder and President Jim Van Dyke said. "The challenge that we have is that criminals often change faster than everyday consumers or businesses."

The number of people whose information was accessed in a data breach increased by 67 percent in 2011, largely due to some very high-profile thefts, such as the attacks on Sony Corp.'s PlayStation network in April.

Someone whose personal information is taken in a data breach is 9.5 times more likely to become a victim. **REUTERS**

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# France calls journalist deaths in Syrian attack 'assassination'

**AMMAN.** Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces rained rockets and bombs down on opposition-held neighborhoods of the city of Homs, reducing buildings to rubble and killing more than 80 people, including two Western journalists.

The barrages marked an intensification of a nearly three-week offensive to crush resistance in Homs, one of the focal points of a nationwide uprising against Assad's 11-year rule, and prompted further international condemnation.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy described the deaths of the two journalists, French photographer Remi Ochlik and American Marie Colvin of Britain's Sunday Times, as an assassination and said the Assad era had to end.

"That's enough now," Sarkozy said. "This regime must go and there is no reason that Syrians don't have the right to live their lives and choose their destiny freely. If journalists were not there, the massacres would be a lot worse." **REUTERS**

# Santorum at center stage in GOP debate

Rivals heaped criticism on surprise front-runner Rick Santorum in a debate among Republican presidential candidates last night, hoping to stall his surge at a pivotal period in the 2012 campaign.

Mitt Romney and libertarian Congressman Ron Paul tried to raise doubts about Santorum and questioned his fiscal conservative credentials based on his time in the U.S. Congress when he was an easy backer of government spending projects deemed wasteful by critics.

Paul, asked by CNN moderator John King why he had launched a campaign ad that labeled Santorum a "fake," responded: "Because he's a fake."

Romney, scrambling to make up for a deficit in the polls to Santorum, put the former senator from Pennsylvania on the defensive for backing a much-derided $400 million "bridge to nowhere" project in Alaska that was eventually abandoned.

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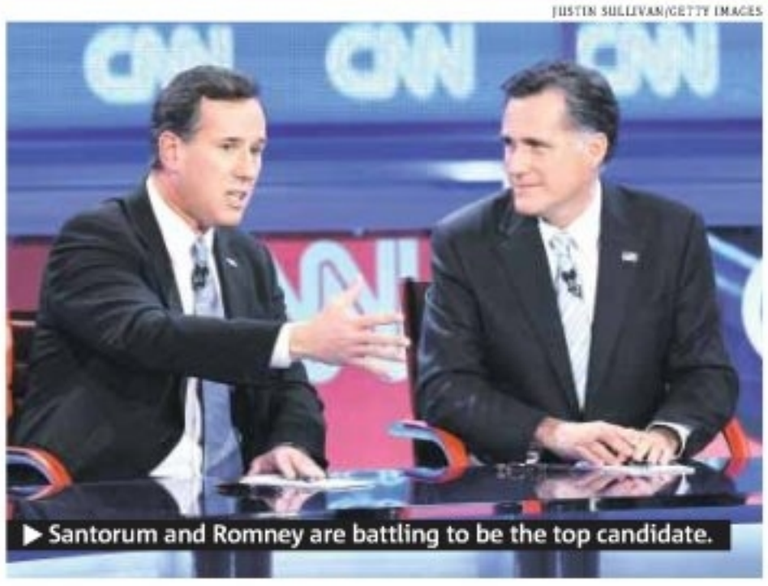



▶ Santorum and Romney are battling to be the top candidate.

Santorum fired back that Romney, as chief organizer of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, had sought similar government spending items known as "earmarks" and often deemed wasteful spending.

An NBC/Marist poll yesterday had Romney at 37 percent to Santorum at 35 percent among likely primary voters in Michigan, a statistical dead heat. **REUTERS**

## Poll: Obama still winning

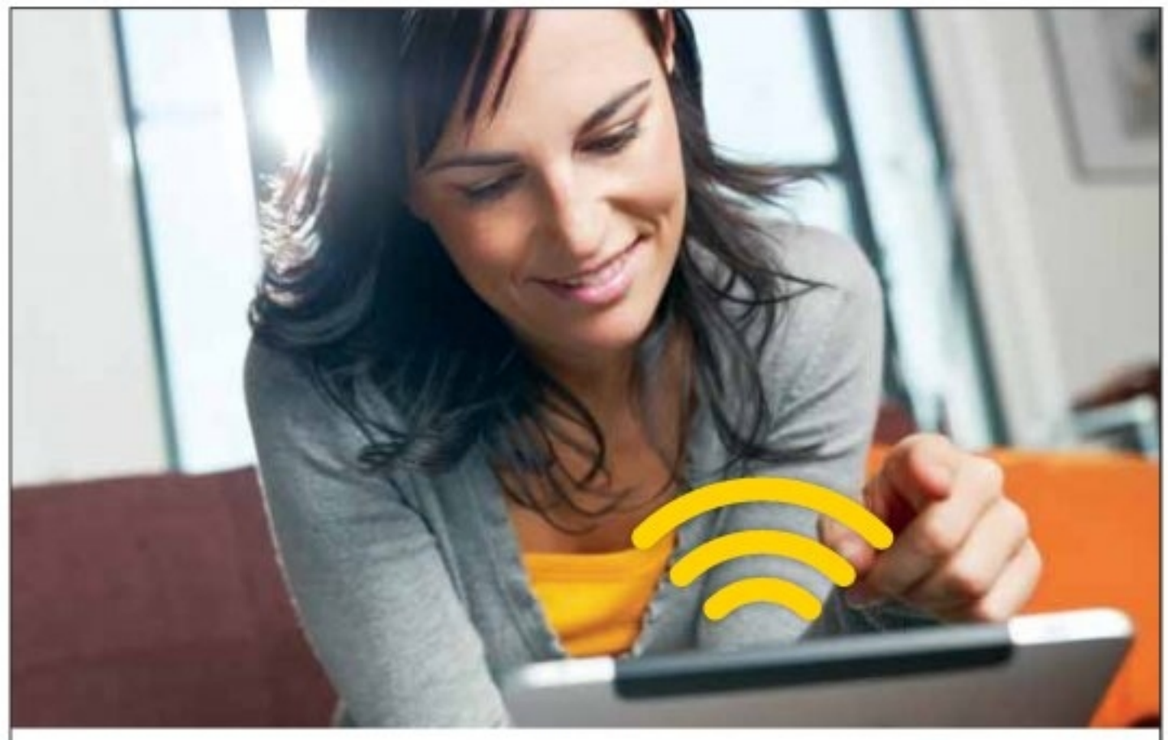
Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum are running neck-and-neck but neither would beat incumbent President Barack Obama, according to several polls released yesterday. Polls by The Associated Press/GfK and NBC News/Marist show Santorum has gained enough to close in on Romney, who had been seen as the most likely nominee in a Republican field that still has four candidates vying for the party's nomination. **REUTERS**

## Obama's tax plan

- President Barack Obama launched a dialogue with corporate America yesterday over business tax reform, offering his first clear plan to cut the corporate tax rate, with little prospect of it becoming law in an election year.
- He proposed cutting the top corporate tax rate to 28 percent from 35 percent. This would address U.S. corporations' long-standing gripe about the rate being too high.

## Romney seeks to cut top tax rate

Republican Mitt Romney, looking for a boost in his presidential campaign, proposed an overhaul of the tax system yesterday that he said would cut Americans' tax rates by 20 percent and limit deductions for the wealthy. Romney unveiled his proposals just hours after President Barack Obama offered a plan of his own to revamp the corporate tax system, calling for a cut in the corporate tax rate and the closure of many business tax loopholes. **REUTERS**

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# When a penny saved is a penny wasted

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Mitt Romney finally said something smart — though his campaign insists it was unintentional. "As you cut spending, you'll slow down the economy; so you have to, at the same time, create pro-growth tax policies," Romney said on Tuesday.

By "pro-growth tax policies," Romney probably means net tax cuts for corporations and the rich, not tax increases. Nevertheless, Mitt Romney does appear to be arguing that cutting government spending can hurt the economy.

It seems Mitt Romney is trying to have his Krugman and eat it too.

Economist Paul Krugman has long argued that our protracted economic mess is a liquidity trap caused by insufficient aggregate demand.

To put it another way, families lost so much net worth after the financial crisis that they can no longer afford to buy as much stuff. Consequently, businesses refuse to grow because they might get stuck making a bunch of stuff that no one can afford to buy. So they don't hire new people or give anyone a raise, which of course perpetuates everyone's inability to buy more stuff.

Cutting government spending worsens the problem, because what little spending money families have left is preserved by government programs like Medicare, Medicaid and federal college loans.

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▶ Maybe Romney made a Freudian slip?

Some people rely on government jobs, such as police, firefighters and teachers. Every spending cut to these and other programs further reduces total demand for goods and services in the economy.

Or as Krugman put it, in response to Romney: "Yep, slashing spending in a depressed economy depresses the economy even more. And if you don't have to ... you should wait until the economy is stronger."

Instead, Krugman argues that the government must kick-start demand (and, in doing so, private sector growth) by borrowing a bunch of money and spending it on projects that not only put extra spending money in people's pockets, but get them to actually spend it instead of saving it.

Tax cuts for the wealthy don't accomplish the latter. Corporations are already sitting on $2 trillion in unspent cash, and studies of the Bush tax cuts indicate that the wealthy tend to save their tax cuts.

Sadly, both parties find the concept of spending our way out of recession to be so violative of common sense that few in Washington are courageous enough to lend their full-throated support to Krugman's proposals.

Even President Obama's economic advisors — who privately agreed that a return to full employment would likely necessitate a much larger stimulus — were so wary of trying to sell Congress on the counterintuitive wisdom of Krugman's arguments that they removed the strongest argument for a larger stimulus from their final recommendation to the president.

So it was that Mitt Romney, momentarily and perhaps entirely by accident, gave a false glimmer of hope to those who watch in dismay as the president and the Republican candidates race to outdo the other's proposed spending cuts. And Washington cheers while Rome burns.

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# Levine's got moves like Jagger

Adam Levine "doesn't want to screw up" his relationship with Russian model girlfriend Anne V.

In an interview on "The Howard Stern Show" on Tuesday, "The Voice" coach **Adam Levine** proved himself to be smart about some topics and not so bright on others.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge **Christina Aguilera**'s recent weight gain — "Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded. "She used to be so f—ing hot ... And her clothes are too tight, right?" the shock jock continued. "When you're a plus-size woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I'm keeping my f—ing mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? But then when the topic veered to birth control and what method Levine uses with his Russian model girlfriend, **Anne V.**, the singer actually told the truth. "This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up," he said. "[I use] a foolproof birth-control system, [the pull-out method]."

Gross. Isn't there a law on the books that says all men in rock 'n' roll bands have to use condoms? It's a severe public health problem if not.

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## Lohan's life 'back on track'

**Lindsay Lohan received a positive report at her probation hearing yesterday in Los Angeles. Lohan completed 15 days of community service at the L.A. County Morgue and attended five therapy sessions as required, Judge Stephanie Sautner said. Sautner told Lohan she has seen a "positive change," adding that it appears the actress is "getting [her] life back on track." The judge refrained from saying anything about that wig, however.**

## Update on Houston's drug intake

A new report looks to confirm that **Whitney Houston**'s death earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online. "Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology results to determine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says. "The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bathtub."

## The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Alec Baldwin has modest goals, Jerry Seinfeld is having trouble with his cable provider, Rihanna is too busy to celebrate and Roseanne Barr is making campaign promises.

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I will appoint a native american as head of the dept. of Immigration.

Seinfeld

## Talking points

### Aniston: My boyfriend looks like a serial killer

**Jennifer Aniston** admits that when she first met boyfriend **Justin Theroux**, she didn't immediately fall for him. In fact, she even found him more than a little off-putting. "I met Justin about five years ago and I thought, 'Whoa,'" she says in an interview with "Good Morning America." "He is very sweet and he was always very nice, but I remember thinking he was very dark. At first you think he could be, like, a serial killer, but he is actually the nicest person in the world."

### Beckham's boys get wise

**David Beckham**'s three sons are getting older — and therefore a bit more aware of what sorts of things their famous parents do for a living. Like, say, posing in their underwear for H&M. "They gave me a little bit of flack for that, but they're very proud of it," he tells Us Weekly, adding that they'll shout out with glee, "There's daddy in underpants on big billboards!"

### Wilson gets attacked on Twitter

"The Office" star **Rainn Wilson** is learning the hard way that some topics don't lend themselves to humor — like date rape. Wilson made a joke on Twitter about what kind of music he'd like playing if he ever were to be a victim of date rape — Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love," as it happens — which set off a wave of angry responses. "Apparently my poorly conceived date rape tweet upset a lot of folks," Wilson wrote in response. "Not a good topic to joke about. Sorry and won't do that again."

Wilson

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## The BRIT Awards 2012 roundup

**1. Adele** won top accolades for British Female Solo Artist and Mastercard British Album of the Year at the BRIT Awards for music in London on Tuesday. But when the host tried to cut off her speech to introduce Blur, she gave the middle finger in frustration. "I'm sorry if I offended anyone but it was the suits that offended me," Adele said about the incident. "Thank you all very much and thanks to my fans. I don't want them to think I was swearing at them." The station later apologized to Adele.

**2. Coldplay** kicked off the ceremony with a rousing performance of their song "Charlie Brown." They also took home an award for Best British Group.

**3. Damon Albarn** and Blur performed renditions of "Parklife," "Girls and Boys," "Song 2," "Tender" and "This Is a Low." Blur was also given an Outstanding Contribution to Music award.

**4. Florence Welch** of Florence and the Machine performed while wearing a dress by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen.

**5. Lana Del Ray** won the prize for International Breakthrough Act.

**6. Rihanna**, who is on the tail end of a three-day celebration in London in honor of her 24th birthday, showed up on the red carpet. Later, she performed her hit "We Found Love."

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# A never-ending story

## In 'A 24-Hour The Bald Soprano,' Brat Productions takes the farce on a nonstop absurdist marathon

COURTESY OF BRAT PRODUCTIONS

▶ From left: Megan Slater, Sarah Schol, John Jarboe, Gwendolyn Rooker, Bradley Wrenn and Griffin Stanton-Ameisen star in "A 24-Hour The Bald Soprano."

When Madi Distefano first encountered the classic absurdist play "The Bald Soprano," she had a career-changing notion: What if it never ends?

Eugene Ionesco's 1950 farce of English domestic banality lends itself to that interpretation: As the curtain falls, the characters switch roles and begin the play again, word-for-word.

"I don't remember why I was reading it, but I do remember that I was stoned," recalls Distefano. "I thought, 'Oh my god, it should never end. It's repetitious and absurd!' It just made perfect sense to me."

With that, "A 24-Hour The Bald Soprano" was born, officially debuting in the 1998 New York Fringe Festival. The initial production garnered Distefano's Philly-based Brat Productions a cascade of national press and remains the most nationally recognized show Brat has ever produced.

The fourth revival will hit the stage on Friday, beginning at 8 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. the following day. (The audience will be able to come and

### Distefano on the original 1998 '24-Hour Soprano':

"It wasn't a crazy original thought. I'm sure other people have had the same idea. It's just that in my naivete as a producer, I went ahead and did it. If I had that thought today, I probably wouldn't do it. That's why I think young people are the brilliant ones: They don't know what they're not supposed to do."

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## TV watch list

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▶ Jane (Simon Baker, left) and Bret Stiles (Malcolm McDowell, right) face off once again on "The Mentalist."

### 'The Mentalist'

**DRAMA.** Malcolm McDowell returns as Bret Stiles, the creepy cult leader/nemesis of Patrick Jane who is on the CBI's radar once again after a former church member-turned-advocate against Stiles' group is murdered. **10 p.m., CBS**

### 'Archer'

**COMEDY.** Jack McBrayer lends his voice to Ray's dope-farming gun nut brother from the South, who, from description alone, may also be the cousin of NBC page Kenneth. **10 p.m., FX**

### 'Grey's Anatomy'

**DRAMA.** A coffee shop explosion brings an influx of patients to the ER. If things really blew up as often as "Grey's" had us believe, Seattle would be considered an inhabitable disaster area. **9 p.m., ABC**

### 'Wipeout'

**REALITY.** The contestants get chased by Yetis and whacked by pucks in the final winter-themed episode. Anyone else hoping for a hockey fight with the Abominable Snowman? **Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC**

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# 10 Reasons to hit the movies this weekend

**2 'Good Deeds'** In this movie, the lead character's last name is Deeds! Get it? Tyler Perry writes, directs and stars in this story about a successful man who is jolted out of his predictable existence by doing ... come on. Want to guess? Good deeds!

**3 'Gone'** Amanda Seyfried plays a woman haunted by the abduction of her sister. When she begins to believe the kidnapper is back for her, she sets out to face him head-on.

**4 'Act of Valor'** Actual active duty Navy SEALs star in this depiction of modern-day special operations. Cutting-edge military technology and maneuvers put viewers right in the middle of the action spanning from Chechnya to the Ukraine to Somalia.

**5 'Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance'** The Nicolas Cage franchise about a man afflicted with spirit of the Ghost Rider returns, this time to save a child possessed by the devil.

**6 'This Means War'** It's not unrealistic to picture two men fighting over Reese Witherspoon, but if those two men are Chris Pine and Tom Hardy, playing stealthy spies hellbent on sabotaging each other's attempts to woo her, well, that makes it unbelievable and possibly awesome.

**7 'The Secret World of Arrietty'** The Japanese adaptation of the classic book "The Borrowers" boasts a voice cast that includes Will Arnett and Amy Poehler.

**8 'Safe House'** Denzel Washington heads up this tense thriller about a highly skilled rebel C.I.A. agent (Washington) who, after being on the lam for 11 years, turns himself in without explanation. Ryan Reynolds co-stars as the rookie agent who's about to get schooled on the way his government really works.

**9 'Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace'** Do you think you might like Jar Jar Binks a little more if you could see him in 3-D? George Lucas hopes so.

**10 'Journey 2: The Mysterious Island'** The sequel to 2008's "Journey to the Center of the Earth" proposes that the places described in "Treasure Island," "Gulliver's Travels" and "Mysterious Island" were all the same site.

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Must-see

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▶ Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston, center, are surrounded by hippie love in "Wanderlust."

**1 'Wanderlust'** Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in this Judd Apatow-produced comedy about an unemployed couple who go in search of an unconventional life on a hippie commune.


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# ‘Always hit on the wingman’

## And other bits of dating wisdom from Glamour magazine’s anonymous male advice columnist, ‘Jake’

Jake has been around the Glamour magazine offices since 1956, doling out advice to single women. No, this is not a dude in his mid-70s still discussing the finer points of a “booty call.” Many men have shared his name, and the title lasts only as long as the man giving the advice is still single. One Jake had to hang up his columnist hat recently, but he has continued to share his wisdom with a new book. “Always Hit on the Wingman ... And 9 Other Secret Rules for Getting the Love Life You Want” offers great tips that will help women learn to love the dating game.

**This advice about hitting on the friend of the person you’re interested in is great, but what about fending off the slightly misled wingman?**

Eye contact. It’s all about eye contact. While you’re making chit-chat with his nice but neutered friend, give your target the odd glance. Let him know his friend doesn’t have all your attention.

**Men say that they love to be hit on, but there’s the school of thought that insists that men want to be the ones to chase.**

We definitely love to chase. That doesn’t mean we don’t want to be hit on. This back-and-forth defines the art of flirting — and to some extent, the art of dating. It happens from the very first glance (who looks at who first?) to the first intimate moment (who undresses who?). It’s the world’s most complicated and hilarious and maddening and sexy game of tag. You’re it.

**Name one fictional character who embraces all 10 of your rules and explain why.**

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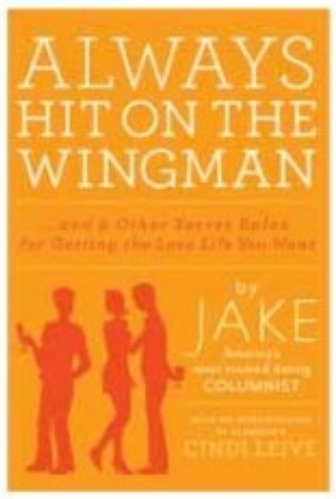


**What’s the number one thing that women get wrong about men when it comes to dating?**

Not taking control; playing the dating “game.” If you like a guy, stop reviewing the 150 tips your friends and magazines have given you about “making him like you,” and walk over and buy him a drink. What’s the worst thing that’s going to happen? It takes confidence to do that. Confidence is the sexiest.

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### Virginia, where women's rights die

For both chambers of the General Assembly of Virginia to pass legislation that requires transvaginal ultrasounds of women seeking abortions and cuts state aid to poor women seeking abortions is outrageous! I have a new slogan for the state of Virginia. "Virginia: where women's rights are nonexistent."

**ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

It's a woman's choice (with her husband, family, etc.) to create life — and therefore to not create life, which is not murder, as believers say. As in medicine and much else, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Vasectomies are covered, so all safe birth control should be too.

**J. ANDREW SMITH, VIA E-MAIL**

### Re: 'Read a book — no, another book'

Thank you Michael, for your clear summary of Rick Santorum's twisted views on science. I'm also struck by the duplicitous irony of his arguments centering on humanity's "dominion over the Earth." He claims that it's best that humanity is in charge of the planet because "we're intelligent and we can actually manage things." But when people raise legitimate concerns (driving species to extinction, releasing toxic materials, altering the planet's climate, etc.) regarding those management skills, he then dismissively labels them as Earth-worshippers. If we have people running the government who can't distinguish between what they'd like the world to be and what is actually going on, then how are any of our problems going to get solved? With lots of aspirin, perhaps?

**KARL HUFFMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

**"Rick Santorum accused President Obama of holding a 'phony theology' that places the environment over humans."**

Somehow, it is insincere to the point of pretension to believe that our planet needs to be protected. Santorum may not intend to pillage the Earth of its bounty, but I am dismayed that he chooses to characterize the beliefs of those who do care about the planet and the possible negative effects human activity has upon it as phony.

**DAVID TERHUNE, VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Frosch misses one small point in his otherwise excellent column, namely how Santorum's own words prove him a hypocrite. If, as he claims, humanity was put on this Earth as its steward, that gives us a God-given obligation to care for and maintain it. Santorum rejects such an obligation and seems happy to ravage the land down to the bedrock, leaving literally nothing for future generations. That this man is considered worthy of the presidency is utterly horrifying.

**JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

### Re: 'New war debate' letter

The statement "If Israel strikes Iran, it will NOT be because of any nuclear threat. Follow the money!" is the purest nonsense you've ever printed.

**PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA**

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♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When you take on a leadership role it becomes you — timidity doesn't. Don't be afraid or hesitant to assert yourself if and when conditions require you to do so.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although you're normally a very gregarious and outgoing person, you do have your withdrawn moments. It's likely to be one of those days.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** As long as your hopes and expectations aren't based on a selfish premise, things will have a way of working out quite well for you. Sometimes it pays to yield to your own inclinations.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you're unobtrusive when going after a personal objective, things will work much better for you. Do what needs doing without using others to accomplish your aims.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** By not taking yourself or life too seriously, it could turn out to be a productive day for you. As you go about your duties, treat life philosophically and roll with the punches.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It's an excellent time to get to the bottom of a matter of profound personal importance. Your abilities to probe, dig and detect are likely to be much sharper than usual.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** When you find yourself able to bounce ideas off people whose intelligence you respect, it could be especially rewarding and enlightening.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because the dull and the ordinary tend to turn you off, try to focus on creative or imaginative projects as much as you can. You'll be proud of the productive results you get.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your concern for the well being of others will be very apparent to everyone with whom you're involved. This facet of yours is what makes you so popular with your friends.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Nothing will give you more gratification than finishing what you start. It will be especially meaningful if it's something that you've wanted to get to for a long time.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Try to do what Kipling suggested many years ago: Dream, but don't make dreams your master; think, but don't make thoughts your aim. Use your mind for practical, productive purposes.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Interesting financial conditions surround you. There's a chance you might sell something you don't possess, but have in inventory and can easily get your hands on.

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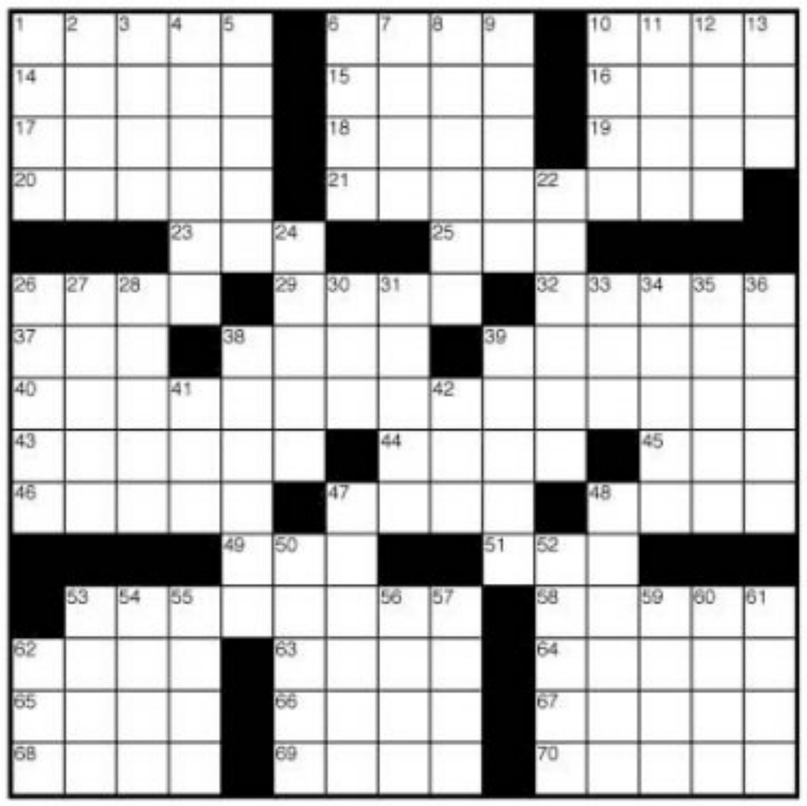

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# May Day? Big Piece won't set timetable for return

## Howard takes batting practice, talks about injured Achilles Spent two months on couch watching TV

Baby steps.

That was Ryan Howard's choice of words when asked to describe where he was at in his rehab after tearing his left Achilles tendon. Howard injured himself on the final swing of the 2011 season, crumpling to the ground in pain as he made the final out in the NLDS.

"Knock on wood, the worst has pretty much happened," Howard said in his first press conference with reporters.

Howard tore up a few fastballs yesterday as he took live batting practice for the first time since last October. The Phillies' first baseman would not divulge a time frame for his return, even though Charlie Manuel has speculated Howard could be back in May.

"We'll see. Ask me in May," Howard said. "I feel good where I am right now. I'm not going to put a time limit on it. I'm going to listen to my body and see where we are."

Howard said he doesn't anticipate playing in any spring training games. He just started swinging a bat two weeks ago. He's also jogging and fielding ground balls, but he still walks with a slight limp.

"It's kind of like learning how to run all over again because I've been walking with a limp after walking in the boot for about two months," Howard said.

Howard has added a few pounds, but that's to be expected considering he was laid up on a couch for two months. The 32-year-old watched a lot of TV during that time, mostly with his fiancee having control of the remote.

"Lots of 'Housewives' shows and sporting events," he said.

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▶ Howard took live batting practice yesterday in Florida.

### End game

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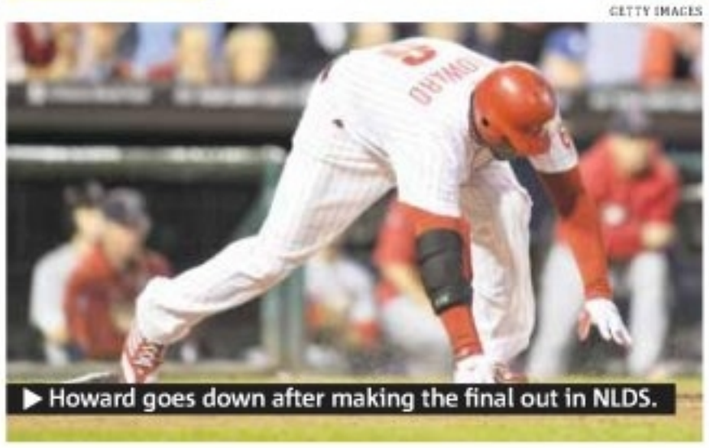

▶ Howard goes down after making the final out in NLDS.

**Howard has made the final out in back-to-back, playoff-ending losses. He struck out versus Brian Wilson in 2010 and grounded out and collapsed in pain in 2011. He knows how it looks to fans.**

▶ "It sucks and I know how it looks to everybody. Having the season come down [to you] and you're that guy. I try to stay positive. The last two seasons I got out. I figure I'm about due. I'd love to be in that situation again."

**Howard added that he has only watched the replay of last year's final out once.**

▶ "I was asked before if I had hit a home run what would I have done. It would have been ugly I'll tell you that right now. I would have been crawling, or rolling, doing whatever I could to try to get around the bases."

### Fight night

## Hopkins, Dawson to meet in AC

Bernard Hopkins will get his rematch with Chad Dawson. The 12-round bout is slated for April 28 at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall. Dawson was awarded the initial winner by TKO in their October fight, but it was later ruled a no-decision. Hopkins' WBC and light-heavyweight titles will be on the line.

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# Report: Owls to join Big East for all sports

Get used to it, Villanova. Temple may be coming to the Big East after all.

Temple is in the final stages of discussions that would allow them to join the Big East Conference for all sports as early as 2012, according to multiple reports yesterday. The New York Times was the first to report the development.

A Temple official offered only a no comment to the report. The Owls are football-only members of the Mid-American Conference while playing in the Atlantic 10 for everything else.

"We are aware that Temple has been in discussion with the Big East regarding membership," Mid-American commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher said in a statement. "Our position on this matter is that we have a contract in place with specifics that will govern and determine how this matter is handled."

With West Virginia's recent departure to the Big 12, there are only seven football schools left in the Big East. The conference had been recruiting Boise State, but they can't opt out.

The backdrop to this saga is Villanova, which has been reportedly trying to block Temple from joining the Big East. The Main Line school doesn't want to share the local TV market. METRO

## Union lock up Williams

The Union signed Sheanon Williams to a new contract yesterday. The 21-year-old defender will be with the club through the 2015 season.

Williams has started 40 games since taking over as starting right back in 2010. He finished with a goal and three assists last season. The Union allowed 1.06 goals per game, tied for second best in MLS, in 2011 and pitched 10 shutouts.

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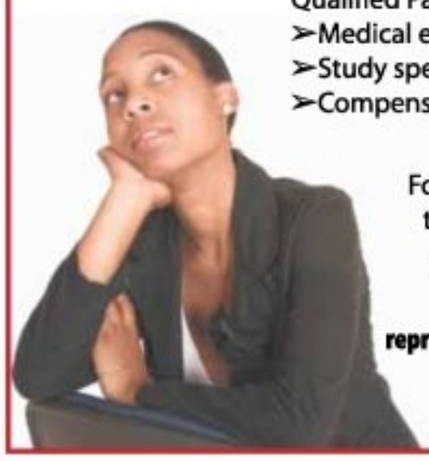

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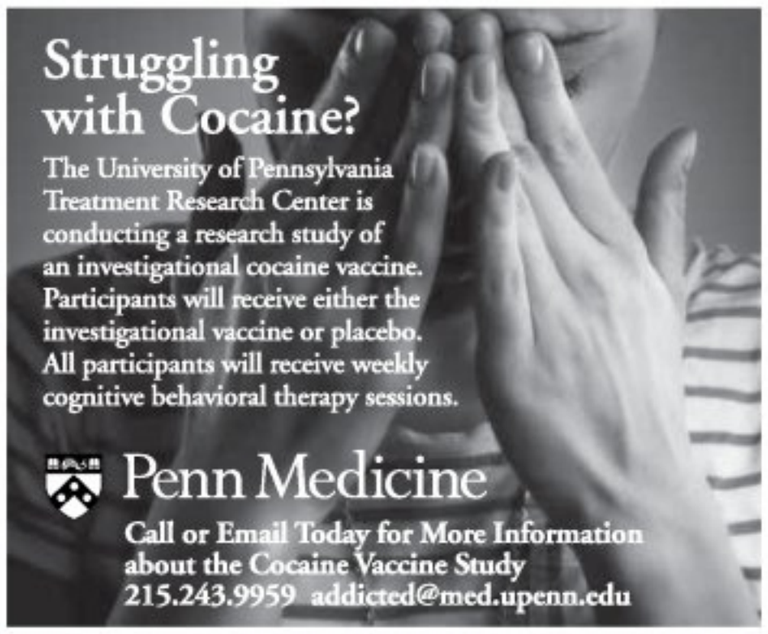
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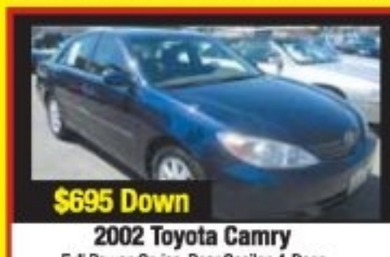

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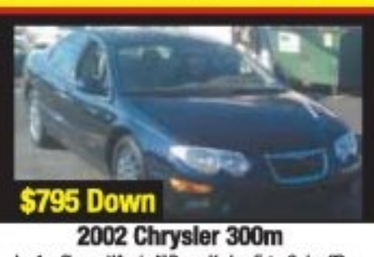

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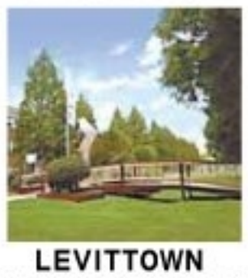

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